regard and are given special training and equipment to scrutinise travel documents to ascertain their genuineness.

**Mutilation of India Pilot's body**

805. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the case of mutilating the body of Indian pilot who was captured by Pakistan during the recent Kargil conflict with the International Court of Justice;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have drawn the attention of the international community to these brutal acts of torture and killing in captivity of the Indian pilot by Pakistan, including the statement to the UN General Assembly in New York on September 22, 1999. Government will continue to take up the matter in appropriate international forums.

**Foreign Minister's London visit**

806. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) Whether during his visit to London, India and Britain decided to accord top priority to fighting terrorism in the world.

(b) if so, what steps are envisaged to be taken by the two countries for fighting global terrorism; and

(c) Whether India and the UK also decided to set up a round table thereby bringing together opinion makers of the two countries; if so, what steps have since been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two countries will exchange information and cooperate bilaterally to combat global terrorism. India and the U.K. will also

sensitize the international community on the need for global ation to counter the scourge of terrorism.

(c) Yes, Sir. India and the U.K. have jointly announced **the** launch of the Indo-British Round Table. This would be a high level non-governmental group comprising of eminent personalities from both countries. The exact dates for the launch of the Round Table, an event that will take place in India, are being finalised.

**Government's policy Regarding Pakistan**

807. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed its policy of not having talks with the military regime of Pakistan;

(b) if so, what is the revised policy; and

(c) what steps have since been taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH : (a) to (c) Government continue to be of the view that a process of dialogue with Pakistan necessarily requires the cessation of cross border terrorism and the abandonment of hostile propaganda by Pakistan as essential ingredients in the creation of a suitable environment.

**Pakistan's Reaction to Indian demands regarding plane Hijacking**

808. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was Pakistan Government's reaction to Indian demand for declaring Pakistan as a terrorist State in the light of the hijack drama of IC-814 by Pakistan Militants on last Christmas eve; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government in the light thereof, not only to bring the hijackers to justice but also to remove the misgivings about India being a soft target?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFIARS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and '(b) The Government of Pakistan